



## ACTS AND LAWS,

MADE and passed by the General Court or Assembly of His Majesty's English Colony of CONNECTICUT, in NEW-ENGLAND, in AMERICA: Holden at *Hartford*, in said Colony, by Adjournment, on the second Wednesday of *January*, in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third, King of GREAT-BRITAIN, &c. Annoq. Dom. 1774.

AN ACT in Explanation or Addition of an Act, entituled, *An Act in addition to, and alteration of one Act of this Colony, entituled, an Act for directing and regulating the levyng and serving Executions.*

**W**HEREAS it is provided in said Act last made, that whensoever any Execution shall be levied on Lands, the same shall be apprized by three indifferent Freeholders of the same Town where such Lands lye, &c. And whereas Doubts and Disputes have arisen and may arise, Whether any Execution, when the same is in favour of the Town where such Lands lye, can be proceeded with, agreeable to the Directions of said Act?

*Preamble.*

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Which



Which for the future to prevent :

Land taken by Execution in favour of any Town, to be apprizd by Freeholders of the next Town



*BE* it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That when Execution in favour of any Town, shall be levied on any Lands, three Freeholders of such Town where such Lands lye, shall not be deemed indifferent Freeholders, for the Purpose aforesaid, but in such Case the Apprizers shall be Inhabitants and Freeholders of the next adjoining Town.

AN ACT providing for the Payment of the Cost of prosecuting Delinquents.

The Cost of prosecuting Delinquents, how paid.

*BE* it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Cost of prosecuting Delinquents, on Indictment or Information made by the King's Officers, when such Delinquents have no Estate to pay the same, shall be paid out of the Treasury into which the Fines, Forfeitures, or Penalties adjudged against such Delinquents on Conviction, are by Law to be paid, and belong; and the Cost already incurred on such Convictions, shall in like Manner be paid out of such Treasury, into which the Fines or Forfeitures are by Law to be paid, as is before in this Act provided for the Payment of Cost which may hereafter arise.

AN ACT in Addition to, and Alteration of an Act, entituled, *An Act for raising a certain Sum to be appropriated to the erecting and maintaining a Light-House near the Port of New-London, and for laying a Tax on Shipping for the Support thereof.*

Preamble.

*W H E R E A S* by said Act it is enacted, That all Vessels entering and clearing out for any Port or Place more remote than Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania, and Portsmouth, in New-Hampshire, above twenty Tons, and not more than fifty Tons, the Sum of Four Shillings and Six-pence, lawful



*lawful Money, and for each Vessel above fifty Tons and not more than one hundred Tons, the Sum of Six Shillings; and so in Proportion as they shall be larger: And as the Tax aforesaid is found insufficient for the Support and Maintenance of the Light-House:*

**BE** it further enacted, That from the first Day of March next, each Vessel in Burthen twenty Tons, and not more than fifty Tons, shall pay the Sum of Six Shillings, lawful Money, and each Vessel above fifty Tons, and not more than seventy Tons, the Sum of Seven Shillings and Six-pence, and each Vessel above seventy Tons, and not more than ninety Tons, the Sum of Nine Shillings, and each Vessel more than ninety Tons, and not more than one hundred Tons, Ten Shillings and Six-pence; and so in Proportion as they shall be larger.

A Tax laid upon Shipping.

*And be it further enacted, That all Vessels not belonging to this Colony, which shall enter and clear at the said Port, shall be subjected to a Tax double what is hereby laid on the Navigation of this Colony; and all Vessels that shall Harbour and Anchor in the Port of New-London, shall be subjected to pay towards the Support of the Light-House, at the same Rate as the Vessels belonging to this Colony pay when they clear out. Which Tax becoming due as aforesaid, shall from Time to Time be paid to, and collected by the Naval-Officers of the Ports where any such Vessel shall be cleared out, deducting for their Fees as they are allowed for collecting other Duties.*

How paid,

*And the Naval-Officer of the Port of New-Haven, is hereby directed to forward the Tax he shall collect, quarterly, to the Naval-Officer of the Port of New-London, for the Convenience and speedy Accommodation of the Light-House; which is to be by him appropriated to the Use aforesaid; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.*

and appropriated.



An Act in Addition to, and Alteration of an Act, entituled, *An Act for ordering, restraining, and preserving Sheep.*

Preamble.

**W**H E R E A S it is practised in some of the Towns in this Colony, by some particular Inhabitants, to turn large Flocks of Sheep on the Highways, with a Keeper, and thereby eat up and destroy the Herbage therein, to the great Detriment of the poor Inhabitants of such Towns :

Which to prevent :

No Person to turn a flock of more than 50 Sheep on the common with a Keeper.

**B**E it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That no particular Person in any Town in this Colony, shall for the future, turn any Flock of Sheep on the Highways with a Keeper, of more than Fifty, to eat up and consume the Herbage therein, without Liberty first had and obtained from such Town, or the Proprietors thereof ; on Pain that every Offender shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*, for every such Offence, to him or them who will sue for, and prosecute the same to effect.

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